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Mamuk Jalla Western Review

Six students got a taste of what it means to be a member of the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services on Oct. 18 when they took part in the Fire Chief for the Day. Students took part in a number of activities at the fire hall and after working up quite an appetite took a break for sweet treat at the local Dairy Queen.



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news

Residents question council practices in A Better County

Group of residents start petition for review of County governance and practices

Lesley Allan
Western Review

Three years have passed since a county-wide mail out arrived at residents' mailboxes raising concerns over council, but now a new council is facing a new flyer with many of the same concerns — including the way councillors are spending money or making decisions.

A few weeks ago many Brazeau County residents found a new mail out titled A Better County, arriving in their mailboxes, put together by a group of citizens concerned with the direction Brazeau County Council is taking and the processes they're using.

"We have a number of issues, about 50 or 60 perhaps," says Lynn Oberle, one of the contacts provided on the flyer that was sent out earlier this month. "Some of the bigger ticket items involve the amount of money going to Drayton Valley, our tax money going to Drayton Valley."

"There's millions (of dollars), our tax base, our mill rate (is) subsidizing Drayton Valley," he continues. "We just gave them 37 quarters, which involves \$500,000 in taxes every year. I don't even know how many millions the property was worth."

Council conduct is another issue the group of residents question as the flyer calls out councillors for holding "secret meetings" and working with the town in a manner that the mail out claims is not wanted by county residents.

The Act (Municipal Government Act) makes it quite clear that all meetings of council and council committees are supposed to be open to the public and we were refused," Oberle shares, highlighting a meeting that was held between Drayton Valley and Brazeau County councils in September. "I was actually at that one a few weeks ago and we were actually refused entry. We were actually refused entry into the building of which we own half."

The municipalities had later issued a press release regarding that meeting, stating it was a workshop with a facilitator to discuss long-term goals and strategies. For those who work alongside Oberle, amalgamation is something he says the group is very concerned about. Acknowledging that all councillors have said that's not something they are willing to look at, he says it's something that is currently being done even if not in a legally binding manner.

"Of course there is a proper legal process to go through to get amalgamation, to have a legitimate one, but what's happening is all of these agreements and all of the money flowing is having all the

benefits of amalgamation without the responsibilities."

Addressing the pamphlet, Brazeau County Reeve Pat Vos says that although she finds it disappointing, it is the group's right to distribute it, as residents of the county, province and country.

Since the flyers were sent out to all residents in the county, Vos says all councillors have heard from constituents looking to express their concerns with the information portrayed in the document.

"People either look at you and are saying 'this is not all fact' or they say 'is there something that you're not telling me that I need to know?'" she says.

Sharing the fact that no matter what she says people will not be happy with her response, Vos says she does know the intention of council, which is nothing but to benefit the county and its residents.

"We do not have a self-serving, malicious council, we have a great bunch of people that collectively want to do the best for the greater good," she says.

"This council believes we were elected to further co-operation and to move this county forward in a collaborative, positive, proactive positive way," Vos explains. "The learning curve over the last year has been steep with many opportunities to learn and grow as a council. Your council holds paramount what we believe is for the greater good for Brazeau County."

But for those who helped to create A Better County, this is not what residents are seeing and so far the support they have been receiving tells them that others are feeling the same way.

"From our point of view, so far the response has been great," says Oberle. The group is also hoping to get a lot of support in their efforts to have a consulting specialist perform a complete review of the county's legislative, budget, administrative and governance practices.

According to Oberle, this is something that should be done not just when the demand is there, but regularly to ensure all municipalities are staying in line, something he believes has not been done in Brazeau County for some time.

"I think every council should be held accountable once in a while," he says. "It shouldn't have to go through petition, the government should in fact be doing regular random reviews unannounced, the same way any other organization or employee is held to account."

"It's just gotten worse," says Oberle. "I've been involved with this sort of stuff for about 20 years, when the County was first started."

"It's always been there, it's just gotten out of hand," he adds.

Areas he says that have continued to get worse, and are outlined in the pamphlet, include spending, what the group sees as council's abuse of power, and most concerning to those involved, the increasing amounts of money going to the Town of Drayton Valley.

In the leaflet this concern is strongly outlined by questioning the Town of Drayton Valley's ability to manage its finances and posing the idea that Brazeau County is handing over money to the town for no reason, accusations Drayton Valley Mayor Glenn McLean takes very personally.

"There are two things I think I would like to address, one is the insinuation that the Town is broke and that we've been overpaying," he shares. "Quite frankly, that's offensive. Our auditors are the ones we should really pay attention to when it comes to the financial management of the Town's resources and every year our auditors have told us that the Town's finances are managed very well."

"The other thing that is particularly offensive is the suggestion that the County is giving the Town money," McLean continues. "The County is not in the habit of giving anybody money for no particular reason, at least not that I'm aware of. What the County does do is we have a variety of cost sharing agreements in different areas, the County pays for services and for amenities that are made (available) to its citizens that exist in the Town. That's what the County pays for, they don't give money out."

In situations where monies spent don't go towards current services being offered, both municipalities work together to bring needed or desired services to the area jointly to not only benefit residents, but also take advantage of grants offered through the province for the co-operation of municipalities, he noted.

"There's a tone to this that suggests in some way or another that the County ought not work with the Town in our mutual interests," he says. "But, I think the message was loud and clear in the last election that people in town and county elected representatives with the intention of working together and that's all any of us are trying to do."

Agreeing with this, Vos says she believes in the end residents will decide what is wanted and they will continue to work toward what they view as benefiting the area.

"I guess I just hold a vision that the majority of people voted for co-operation and a way to move forward in a positive way, and this doesn't speak to that and I believe the majority will rule," she says.



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Friday, October 24

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- Make a Witch's Hat
- What's in the Box? Contest
- Have Some Treats
- Butterbeer
- Listen to Halloween Stories

NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

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DV14-169 2451-50 Street
C2-General Commercial District
Installation of Signage
(with conditions) October 9, 2014

Appeal Against a Decision of the Development Authority
An appeal may be made to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by any person claiming to be affected by the above-noted decision. Written submissions, stating grounds for appeal plus required fees must be received no later than 14 days after the date of Newspaper Publication.

The Town of Drayton Valley
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Next Regular meeting of Council
Wed. Oct. 29, 2014
Council Chambers, Town Office • 9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

The Drayton Valley Library Board is looking for "People of Vision" who would be interested in assisting with the direction of our library. If you would like to be a part of the library's exciting journey into the future, please submit your name to serve on the Board. Library Board members serve a three-year term.

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Fax: 780-543-5753 Further information may be obtained by calling Sandy at 780-514-2267

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Rotary Library (Holy Trinity Academy) 780-514-1326

news

Telus gives preview of anticipated new services

Drayton Valley serving as test site for many of the new services

Melissa Latta
Western Review

Come January next year, Drayton Valley will become a test market for Telus, making Draytonians the guinea pigs who will start experiencing high-speed levels of broadband Internet and a plethora of other services.

An event was held last week by Telus that let people tour the Telus Innovation Bus that displayed what's soon coming in the community.

The purpose of the event today is to showcase some of the innovation solutions that Telus is going to be bringing with some of the fibre optic deployment. We really wanted to invite business leaders, from a range of small to large businesses in Drayton Valley, community stakeholders, to invite them to get a little bit of a sense of what capabilities will be available once the fibre optic technology is deployed," said Zainul Mawji, vice-president of market strategy and execution for Telus.

A luxurious looking bus with a Telus logo was parked outside the MacKenzie Conference Centre on Oct. 15, which people were welcome to tour to see demonstrations of what's coming. Inside the MacKenzie Centre was a trade show that touched on various other industries that can make use of the new technology.

The bus showed various office technology that maybe helpful for businesses.

"Applications that people use such as Face Time might not have the security and the registered connectivity for a long period of time, the reliability of the connection, for a long period of time so what we wanted to showcase today is you can have a conversation, one person being on the phone, one person being in front of a video camera, you can have a very rich dialogue, you can use that connection to collaborate on a document, design something together and these are the types of collaborative solutions. Rich communication isn't possible unless you have very deep broadband capabilities, which is what we will be bringing to Drayton Valley," she said.

Other industries that Telus will leave a footprint in are health care, hotels and the trucking industry. "Inside the MacKenzie Centre we have a number of other solutions from health services that we will be providing, hotel services for entertainment and connectivity, fleet tracking and we really want to try to start deploying things — what we call Internet of things. So connectivity between different machines, it doesn't necessarily require people to person contact, but if you think about all the applications where you would need to track your vehicles if you run a trucking company, or what the mileage is, what the safety status is, that's an application for a mobile tracking device," she said explaining some of the possibilities for a trucking company to use the services.

"Many people aren't aware that Telus is a major health care technology provider to the health care area so we're trying to bring that awareness to the Drayton Valley community," continued Mawji.

The technology in the health care industry may be able to detect if a loved one fell down or didn't take their medication.

"One of the solutions that we would be providing to the Drayton Valley citizens is a detection capability that is powered off our networks, so if you fell down, if somebody fell down there is a direct link to connecting their loved ones and saying 'hey there has been a problem or selling them a solution where you can communicate with your loved ones, it sits in your living room, it can be a picture frame but it also then connects to your loved ones and says or alerts the person that 'your mother didn't take her medicine today, do you want to check up on her and see what happened?' Those kinds of things. So we really want to try to leverage technology to enrich people's lives in a digital world," she explained.

Drayton Valley is one of the test markets, along with some other communities that the company has chosen for different purposes of deploying one of these networks," she explained.

Mawji also wanted to point out Telus is involved in the community and wants to give back. Last week the company donated a cheque for \$5,000 to Colleen Sekure,

fundraising officer for the Drayton Valley Health Services Foundation to go toward the CTADV campaign to purchase a CT scanner for the local hospital.

The company was also donating additional funds for the same cause. It added a \$25 donation per person who signed up to do the bus tour that evening.

"Some of them will go really well and we will be able to take those services in other communities and some of them we will just learn that this service or capability doesn't have much of a following. And Drayton might get a first but we wouldn't deploy it further," she added.

The company is hoping to have partially deployed services in January.

"The build we're doing here in Drayton Valley is actually quite unprecedented. There has been very few people in our industry who are following our lead and doing builds this way. So it is a lengthy exercise. And the challenge we have in any community in Alberta is really the timing of the winter because it gives you a very short build season. So our goal is to try and have some test circuits to turn up in a November timeframe and then to potentially start having a portion of the community serviced by a January timeframe and at that point we will have to stop and have the catch up time for winter and then we will have to restart the build program in the spring of next year and hope to complete the build in July," she explained.

The normal build time for the company is about 12 months, but that may vary depending on elements such as weather, especially in Alberta.

"Just to give you an example, we have a much smaller number of premises here in Drayton Valley, but if you were to use a comparative example of Google's build in Kansas City they made their announcement to start their build in 2011, it's three years later and they still have a year to go. So they have a four year process. Kansas city is a big city compared to Drayton Valley, but that is just give you a sense of magnitude it takes in terms of deploying one of these networks," she explained.

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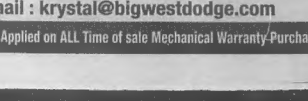

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has given first reading to Bylaw 851-14, the purpose of which is to amend the definition of Home Occupation "Major" and portions of section 4.10(3) which will allow for an increase in the size and number of permitted vehicles as well as the number of employees.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed Bylaw 851-14 may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7770 by 4:30 p.m., October 24, 2014, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A copy of Bylaw 851-14 and the current Land Use Bylaw are available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at planning@brazeau.ab.ca.

UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS

- Regular Council Meeting on October 21st starting at 9 a.m.
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting on October 22nd at 10 a.m. at the County office.
- Organizational meeting on October 27th starting at 9 a.m.
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting on October 28th has been cancelled. The next MPC meeting will be held on November 17, 2014 starting at 10 a.m. in the Council Chamber. Contact the Planning & Development Department at 780-542-2667 for further information.
- ***Dates are subject to change.
- Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Bylaw review meeting on October 30th from 1pm to 4pm in the Council Chamber.
- 2014 County Ownership Maps are available for \$10.00 plus GST. You may pick them up at the Administration office reception desk.
- ***All Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

Information about Brazeau County employment opportunities can be found in the employment section on our website, www.brazeau.ab.ca

CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Brazeau County annually appoints County residents to serve as members-at-large on various boards and committees. Prior to annual appointments Council invites interested County residents to express their interest in serving on the following boards and committees. Appointments are subject to annual renewals. Attendance at meetings is a requirement for appointment.

AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

A seven member board consisting of 2 Councilors and 5 members-at-large. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

A five-member commission to approve development applications of discretionary uses under the Land Use Bylaw, approve subdivision applications and to provide recommendations to Council on planning matters. Two member-at-large appointments are made annually along with three Councilors. Day meetings are held every third Tuesday.

SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

A five member board consisting of 2 Councilors, 3 Members-at-large and 3 Alternate Members-at-large to hear and decide appeals on development or subdivision decisions that have been made previously by the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission. Day meetings are held as required.

BRAZEAU SENIOR'S FOUNDATION

A five-member board representing the Town of Drayton Valley, the Village of Breton, and Brazeau County, which is responsible for the management of Senior's Housing in Drayton Valley and the Village of Breton. The County appoints one Councilor and one member-at-large to the Foundation. Day meetings are held the third Thursday of the month. Other meetings held as required. Responsibilities include establishing budgets and setting operating policies for the combined Senior's Housing Units.

PEST AND WEED APPEALS COMMITTEE

A three-member committee consisting of three members-at-large to hear appeals against notices issued under the Weed Control Act. The committee meets infrequently and only as required.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD

A five member board consisting of two Councilors and three members-at-large. The members-at-large positions are three year terms. There is presently one opening for a three-year term. The Library Board is legislated to hold four (4) meetings per year minimum and additional meetings are held as required.

COMPOSITE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

A three member board consisting of one provincial member and two other members who are not provincial members. This board will hear complaints about assessments for all property in the municipality, excluding residential properties with three or less dwelling units, farm land, linear property and equalized assessment. There is a mandatory 3-day training session required for this board. The board meets infrequently and only as required.

LOCAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

A three member board consisting of 3 members who are not provincial members. This board will hear complaints about non-assessment matters and assessments of residential properties with three or less dwelling units and farm land. There is a mandatory 3-day training session required for this board. The board meets infrequently and only as required.

Residents seeking to participate in the above boards or committees must indicate their interest by submitting a completed application form available from the County office or the Brazeau County website (www.brazeau.ab.ca/council/committees-and-boards) to the undersigned by 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 24, 2014.

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All applications submitted will be presented to Brazeau County Council for consideration at the Organizational Meeting October 23, 2014.



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opinion

Hard work fosters sense of community, pride

When I started the Eagle Point - Blue Rapids Ecological Restoration after we were awarded project funding from Environment Canada, I expected to learn a lot. I expected to learn about trees and seeds and bears and hawks. Fun biology facts. I was looking forward to figuring out what combinations of tree species grew best in different parts of the park system, which newly planted sites the bears liked to frolic in, and which disturbed, grassy sites hawks like to hunt rodents in.

What I learned over the past year and half was decidedly different from my original expectations. In no particular order:

1. Wildlife (except white tailed deer) don't like to pose for wildlife cameras.
2. Planting trees is really, really hard work.
3. Thank goodness Drayton Valley and Brazeau County community individuals, clubs and companies will volunteer time and trees to a non-profit organization.
4. Sometimes the most reliable (if not willing) volunteer is your husband/partner.

Around the water cooler...

Well, here we are again. In another edition of the water cooler. In keep with tradition we will start with a few birthdays...

Buzzant, apparently no one is celebrating birthdays this week, at least not that we know of. On to other things!

There's plenty coming up in the community over the next few days.

First, our friends at the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services are continuing Fire Prevention Month activities with something new this year. The fire services is teaming up with the Drayton Valley Thunder this week. Members of the fire services will be in attendance at the Thunder's home game against the Sherwood Park Crusaders. They will be spreading the fire prevention message during intermission and in the lobby. There will also be some t-shirts up for grabs. What a great partnership for these two organizations!

Speaking of great partnerships, Drayton Valley and District FCSS is again joining forces with the River Valley Players to put on a community haunted house at the Omplex. This year they are doing things a little differently, hosting the haunted house on a Saturday. For those who want some thrills, but nothing to extreme



Get Active! Get Outdoors!

5. The rewards from tree planting will probably take years to appreciate. I am no stranger to planting trees.

From my earliest memories, my dad would drag my mom, sister, brother, extended family, friends and neighbours out once a year in April to plant thousands (or at least what I remember as thousands) of trees on the old farm my dad grew up on, and where he still lives now. In his opinion, which hasn't changed over the past 25 years, "the land never should have been cleared of trees" (this of course because there is only an inch of

topsoil on bedrock near Perth, Ontario). I remember those tree planting days being backbreaking, and my brother, sister and I would dread and anticipate them. Because, of course, the party that followed with our neighbours, family and friends would make the discomfort completely worth it.

I thought because I am bigger and stronger now, with better willpower, the tree planting would be easier. It was slightly easier, but still very hard work, and there was no party when I was finished. But we still had many volunteers come out to help. The Jr. Forest Wardens planted several hundred trees two years in a row, and Robyn, our environmental technician/environmental education co-ordinator, planted with me as often as she could, as did my partner, Kevin.

The problem is, after all this tree

planting effort, you can't see much difference in the site. Especially after the grass grows up and completely obscures the trees. And we won't see much difference for several years! How many trees will be alive next year? What a shame if the project wasn't a success! I was starting to get pessimistic about the project... but then I thought back to my own reaction when my dad said something similar to me about our family's tree planting efforts.

A couple of years ago, my dad apologized to my sister, brother and I for making us plant trees. He said he had been silly and, at the time, thought he could make a difference. I was bewildered to hear him say this! I now think of those tree planting days fondly as a time when I learned the value of hard work and community. I look at the red and white

pine, tamarack, and cedar forests with pride. We have lost acres of trees that we planted to drought, and that was unfortunate, but I also learned that nature sometimes has her own ideas. My dad's passion for the land he grew up on inspired me to be compassionate for the environment, and to learn more about it. I eventually became a biologist, with a passion for the land that makes up our EPBR Park System. So if the best that comes out of this EPBR Ecological Restoration Project is that one of those Jr. Forest Wardens goes on to plant trees on a land base that he or she really cares about, I guess the project was a success.

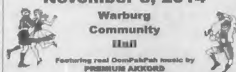
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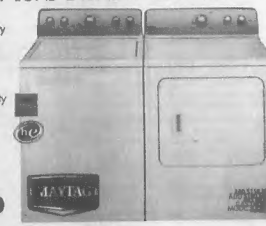


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MAN ARRESTED AS RESULT OF ASSAULT COMPLAINT

A 29-year-old man from Carleton Place will appear in Breton Provincial Court this week, after being arrested on Oct. 14.

Around 2 a.m. that morning, Breton/Thornby RCMP received reports of a woman being assaulted and chased by a man with a gun. The woman was able to reach a neighbour's home to ask for assistance. Residents in the area also reported hearing gunfire.

Breton/Thornby RCMP with the assistance of the Drayton Valley RCMP and the RCMP Police Dog Services attended the location and were able to locate the male. He was arrested without incident and is facing a number of charges, including several firearms-related offences.

MAN PUTS PEDAL TO METAL, STAYS PUT

Around 2 a.m. on Oct. 12 a passing motorist contacted Drayton Valley RCMP about a truck in a ditch in the area of Range Road 71 and Hwy 22. When members arrived they found a man passed out behind the wheel with his foot still on the gas pedal. The firm was rotating at such a speed that the truck was getting stuck deeper in the ditch. Officers noticed a strong

smell of alcohol and marijuana in the vehicle.

COLLISION INVESTIGATION CONTINUING

No charges have been laid yet as police continue to investigate a single vehicle collision in the area of Hwy. 22 and Township Road 502 on Oct. 12.

That evening, emergency services responded to reports of the collision. Last week Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Marco Lou said it appears the vehicle involved failed to stop at a stop sign, crossed the highway and flipped the truck that was being driven onto its roof. Officers noticed a strong smell of alcohol when they approached the vehicle.

ROBBERY REPORTED
Drayton Valley RCMP are investigating a report of a robbery involving a firearm that allegedly happened on Oct. 13.

Around 1:37 a.m. police received a report from a man that his vehicle had been fired at with a firearm and he had been robbed in the area of Township Road 510 and Range Road 74. No serious injuries were reported as a result and police are continuing to investigate the circumstances.

WINDOWS SMASHED

No suspects have been identified in an act of vandalism that saw the windows of a local business and associated vehicle broken. Last week Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Marco Lou said the act was witnessed, but police haven't been able to identify a suspect yet.

RCMP briefs

IN ASSAULT

Charges are pending after an aggravated assault was reported to police on Oct. 14. In the assault a man was allegedly struck in the head with a shovel.

SPENDING LEADS TO DRUG CHARGES

A routine traffic stop for a speeding vehicle led to the seizure of a quantity of marijuana

last week. A man was arrested and charged and will appear in Drayton Valley Provincial Court this week.

GARAGES A POPULAR TARGET FOR THIEVES

Drayton Valley RCMP have had several reports of break ins and thefts from garages recently. A gas can was stolen and police believe a barking dog interrupted a thief who entered an unlocked shop around 4 a.m. on Oct. 11. The shop was located on the east side of Range Road 85 and Hwy. 621.

A garage was broken into but nothing was reported stolen on Oct. 13.

That proved to be a popular day for garages to be hit as

another break in was reported that day, this one in the area of 44 St. and 47 Ave. In that break in a number of items were stolen, including DeWALT tools, vehicle code reader and GPS and a DeWALT drill.

Tools were also stolen out of a garage in the area of 45 St. and 41 Ave. on Oct. 13. In that instance a variety of tools, including a DeWALT saw, two GPS units and slushboards were taken.

Also on Oct. 13, a break in to a residential garage was reported to police where the culprit or culprits stole a number of CDs out of a vehicle parked inside.

Police are reminding residents to make sure their garages

are locked and to lock connecting doors between attached garages and the home.

VEHICLES STOLEN

On Oct. 8 police received a report that a green Suzuki Gzazzy was stolen from a rural property in the area of Township Road 499 and Range Road 67.

Also, sometime overnight of Oct. 13 a new Polaris RZR 800 that is black, red and silver in colour was stolen from Country Style Trailer Court.

Police also recovered a stolen vehicle on Oct. 8. The vehicle, a 2015 Ford F350 was found behind Kai Tire and found to have been stolen out of Grande Prairie.

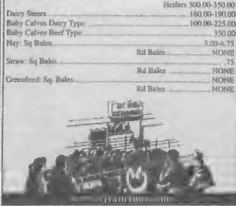
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11 - 12 cows	145.00-160.00
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JAKE'S GIFT TO ALL



Manita Lulla Western Review
Acclaimed play Jake's Gift was in Drayton Valley once again performing three shows, two for local schools and an evening performance for the general public. ABOVE: H.W. Pickup Junior High School and Drayton Valley Community Outreach School students filter into the Eleanore Pickup Arts Centre prior to Julia Mackay taking the stage for her one-woman show Jake's Gift that tells the story of a Second World War veteran who returns to Juno Beach for the 60 anniversary of D-Day and the small girl he meets there.

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The Drayton Valley Air Cadet Squadron parades every Tuesday night at Holy Trinity Academy in Drayton Valley from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Youth aged 12-18 are welcome to visit the squadron on these nights to see what we do. Youth must have turned 12 to join and recruits are welcome to join until December 9, 2014, for this training year.

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The 733 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron of Drayton Valley is looking for volunteers to join the ranks of the Cadet Instructor Cadre.

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Those interested are asked to contact the Commanding Officer, Captain Gerald Landers, at 780-202-0365 or 780-621-1161. Or visit us at Holy Trinity Academy in Drayton Valley on Tuesday evenings between 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm.

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Public asked to share thoughts

New feature on agenda a chance for residents to address council

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Members of the public now have their own section on the Town of Drayton Valley council agenda to address council with their thoughts and questions. The new addition first appeared on the Oct. 8 agenda and will be a feature moving forward.

Mayor Glenn McLean said the so-called Public Time was the result of conversations of council to have an informal way for the public to address council during its regular meetings — something that had been missing.

"There is no sort of unstructured time," he said of the traditional council meeting format. The new feature will not replace other opportunities already available to the public such as delegations, the recently added Community Spotlight, or municipally required public hearings. Instead, it gives people with thoughts or questions outside those parameters a chance to present them to council.

"This kind of formalizes the informal opportunity," said McLean of including it on the agenda.

It is also a chance for council to ask residents for feedback on specific issues.

At next week's council meeting (Oct. 29), council and Director of Engineering Sonya Wigglesworth are asking people to share thoughts on the municipality's snow removal policy.

Although it might not be a subject residents want to think about yet, Wigglesworth pointed out that snow will arrive and the Town of Drayton Valley wants to be proactive with its policy. The policy isn't slated for major revisions, but Wigglesworth said a new section dealing with communication and informing the community of where and when snow removal is

happening, is planned. However, snow removal is something that many residents have questions or feedback on and with the addition of Public Time to the agenda, it is a good chance for people to share some of those.

"It's an opportunity for them to voice their thoughts," said Wigglesworth.

It's a way to be proactive and see if there are any ideas brought forward that should be incorporated into the policy, she noted. The snow removal policy sets out priority roads, when and where crews tackle snowfall and all aspects of clearing streets during the winter months.

McLean said questions, ideas or concerns brought in front of council during the new time set aside for the public may not be able to be addressed immediately, but may be things council can discuss to determine if it's an issue that requires further action.

When it comes to snow removal, Wigglesworth said it's not too early for residents to start thinking about it and getting ready for the challenges the winter can sometimes bring with it. For both residents and snow removal crews that can include the inevitable no parking signs that pop up in neighbourhoods so crews can get in and clear them. Wigglesworth noted that last year the Town of Drayton Valley did start tagging vehicles that were in violation of no parking signs, which makes it difficult, or impossible, for crews to access the neighbourhood. The longer it takes for crews to be able to get in and efficiently clean streets the longer vital things like emergency services access can be impeded and the longer it takes for equipment to get to other lower-priority trouble spots, such as alleys. That delay can impact

other services such as garbage pick up. Residents with thoughts on that issue, or other aspects of snow removal can attend the Oct. 29 meeting and share them during Public Time, which is scheduled to take place after delegations.

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Thief takes the 'bait,' gets jail

Use of RCMP bait vehicle proves successful as man pleads guilty to theft

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

A man was sentenced to nine months in jail as the result of the successful use of a bait vehicle in Drayton Valley earlier this year.

Last week in Drayton Valley Provincial Court Matthew Lewis McKay (not the local musician) pleaded guilty to a number of charges, including theft of a motor vehicle. In addition, he pleaded guilty to possession of break-in instruments and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

McKay was arrested on Aug. 30 after stealing a so-called bait vehicle being employed by the Drayton Valley RCMP in partnership with the Edmonton RCMP Auto Theft Unit.

In light of the persistence of vehicle thefts in Drayton Valley and Brazeau County, the Drayton Valley RCMP General Investigation Section teamed up with the auto theft unit to bring the Bait Vehicle Program to the local area. According to RCMP, over the past few months various bait vehicles have been deployed around Drayton Valley and Brazeau County. The purpose of the program is to help police apprehend thieves and deter criminal activity. The vehicles used in the program are owned by the RCMP and equipped with GPS and audio and visual surveillance. The vehicle can also be disabled remotely. If stolen, this allows the vehicles to be monitored and

for police to be able to catch the suspect while maintaining the safety of the public, the suspect and themselves.

It was on Aug. 30 that police were contacted with the information that one of the bait vehicles had been entered and started. Police were able to track the movement of the vehicle and eventually had it disabled so the thief could be apprehended. When McKay was arrested he was also found in possession of tools commonly used for break-ins, as well as a quantity of meth.

Last week the Crown was asking Judge Marilyn White to consider sentencing McKay to nine months in jail, noting it would be a significant jump from previous jail sentences. Prosecutor Christine Palmer noted McKay has an extensive criminal record, with many similar offences.

Defence attorney Doug Holman said the recommended sentence was a joint submission. He noted that the 26-year-old McKay has been in custody for the equivalent of 69 days (at a rate of one and a half days credit for every day served).

White went along with the joint submission, sentencing McKay to spend 272 days in jail for the theft of the truck. She gave him credit for the equivalent of 69 days spent in pre-sentence custody. He was sentenced to 120 days in custody each, on both additional charges, but those will be served concurrent to the other sentence. As of last week McKay had 203 days left to spend in jail. McKay was also ordered to pay \$550 in the RCMP for damage to the truck.

In a release following the sentencing, the Drayton Valley RCMP said it was looking forward to continuing to work with the Edmonton RCMP Auto Theft Unit and the Bait Vehicle Program.

Drayton Valley court briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

BREAKING CURFEW LANDS MAN IN JAIL
A man who disobeyed a curfew condition of a conditional sentence order (CSO) will spend a month in jail as a result.

Last week Kenneth Caron appeared in Drayton Valley Provincial Court and entered a plea of guilty to breaching his conditional sentence order. Caron also pleaded guilty to two charges of possession of stolen property valued at more than \$5,000 and a charge of possession of a prohibited weapon.

The first of Caron's charges came on July 26. Around 3:45 a.m. RCMP responded to reports of a theft. While investigating that report they went to Caron's residence which was in the area, to do a curfew check. A curfew was one of the conditions of a conditional sentence order issued to Caron on July 8. Caron's parents answered RCMP knocks and said their son was not home and that they did not know where he was. Police came back to the home later that day around 8 p.m. and Caron was still not home. He was subsequently located and charged for breaching his CSO.

In a separate incident on Aug. 11, Caron was charged with possession of stolen property and possession of a prohibited weapon.

That day, at around 9 a.m. Drayton Valley

RCMP officers noticed a truck parked in a driveway with distinctive markings that identified it as a truck that had been seen in surveillance video taken during a break-in and theft at an oilfield site. Police started watching the truck and when they observed a man getting in he was arrested. That man was not Caron, but as a result of their investigation police suspected Caron's involvement. A search warrant for the property was obtained and RCMP located a number of items that had been stolen from the oilfield site as well as several lighters in Caron's possession. They also found a set of brass knuckles, which are a prohibited weapon. Caron was arrested and charged.

Last week his lawyer told the court that the 22-year-old Caron does not have an extensive criminal record, but has been building an addiction to methamphetamine. He had been in custody since being arrested Aug. 11. Judge Marilyn White sentenced Caron to spend 30 days in jail for breaching his CSO. Once he's released from jail his CSO will resume and remain in effect until next July. On the other charge he was sentenced to 60 days in jail, but given credit for time served in pre-sentence custody.

"You're playing with your freedom here," White warned Caron of continuing his involvement in criminal activity. "Someone give you the opportunity to stay in the community and you're flunking your nose at the court."

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Thunder unable to capture win against Wolverines



It wasn't the result the Drayton Valley Thunder wanted in front of the home crowd on Oct. 18 when the Whitecourt Wolverines were in town. The Wolverines got on the board first, but the Thunder had everything tied at three by the end of the second. Unfortunately the Wolverines scored the lone goal in the third to take the win 4-3. The Thunder are at home again on Oct. 21 and Oct. 23 with a 7:30 p.m. start both nights.



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Firefighters must balance family, work and department

Volunteer firefighters have a number of demands on their time

Imagine being in the middle of a task at your job, or sitting down to a nice family meal and then being pulled away at a moment's notice. For many of the volunteer firefighters with the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services, it's a reality as they often leave their place of employment or their families to respond to emergencies or take part in community education programs.

Most firefighters who work for the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services volunteer their time with the department. While they are paid attending calls for service, they volunteer to give up time at work, time spent with family, or doing other things.

"It all depends on the call vol-

umes. There are times when I am hardly ever at work (at the fire department), and there's times when you don't get a call all week. But there's some weeks when you're here 20 hours. And when I take time off work, I am unpaid. It's a big commitment," said Cole Starling, when asked how many hours a week he dedicates to the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services.

And responding to calls for service or taking part in activities like Fire Prevention Month or the Kids Firefighting Camp doesn't just take time from work, but also family. It's something that spouses, like Starling's girlfriend, also have to contend with.

"At first it was tough because she felt that I was always gone kind of thing, but now she understands it's a small community. So she will see the direct outcome of what we're doing," he said.

Families are not the only ones who have to understand, firefighters full time employers have to as well.

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Volunteer members of the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services, like Cole Starling, seen helping at this year's Kids Firefighting Camp in August, give up time at work and with their families to provide not only fire protection services, but educational programming for the community.

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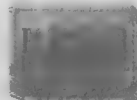
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Desire to help community keeps firefighters volunteering

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"I work for an oil and gas company. So I work long hours. It's a tough job to begin with. It's a tough juggling game. I work for Simpson Daylight, they're really good. They understand that the community needs volunteers in order to have things like this," said Starling.

"It takes a lot of time, and it takes a lot of time to put in. It's very tough to juggle that work and fire department balance," he added.

It's something Lieutenant Ken Fuson, who has two children and has recently celebrated his 10th anniversary with the fire department, has had a lot of practice with, both in his current role and as the son of a firefighter.

"It can be difficult at times and I know there have been moments where I missed out my daughter's birthday, had to leave because of a call. My wife and I have a night of our own because the kids are being taken care of

and I leave for a fire call. That being said, I know they're proud of what I do, and I can see it in my son's eyes, especially when he comes here and he sees everybody working together and I know there is pride with what I do, and there's pride in the family for me as well," he said.

He works as an oilfield operator, has an on-call schedule along with the fire department's on-call schedule.

"Sometimes there's difficulty carrying two on-call schedules, but with the department it's pretty good. Most members are able to help if you need a hand and be able to cover for you and they're really understanding because we're all in the same industry so we understand work is always going to be priority because that's what provides for your family and the fire department is when we have the capability of doing it as well," he added.

Fuson explained his wife has been very supportive in order for him to do what he loves.

"If I can say anything (to my wife) is just a thank you, thank you for sticking by me for 10 years now doing what I enjoy doing, which is benefiting our community and going through the hours, managing the family while I am not there. So far her to be able to stay home and stretch the ship on her own, I commend her for doing that and as well as keeping her full time job," he said.

Wives are not the only ones that have to understand. Children have to give up time with their parent as well, like in the case of Kevin Koberinski who has two boys, five-year-old Jacob and two-year-old Lucas.

"The boys are understanding now, the older one didn't want me to go last year, but now understands that other people need help. So dad and other firefighters are going to help them. So he knows they are safe and some other family needs help," he said.

Koberinski said family is the priority and other firefighters

step up to help when needed.

"We want family before fire department. So if you have something planned with your family, you go do that first. If there is a big incident, like Lodgepole or Lindale last year, then I would be the one to come and help people who need it," he said.

Carson Dudley is dad to four boys and said his children get both excited and sad when his beeper goes off.

"The older boys understand and the younger boys understand to a degree, like when we get our call, it's loud, it whistles, it tweets or beeps, it does all sorts of things. So as soon as it goes off there's a lot of excitement, lot of energy all of a sudden that comes. They key up on it quickly, they understand that there's something going on and it's something big. They're sad to see you go, but they're excited for whatever is happening," said Dudley.

His boys are understanding in the

fire hall, check out fire trucks and put on fire hats just like dad.

"It can be real hectic, but it's definitely worth it," he said.

The fire family as they call it, help each other out whenever needed and are there for the community.

"I am an introverted kind of person. I think that's why I like doing this because I am only one person out of many so it's not me that does the job, it's us that does the job. We're all able to do some amazing things and accomplish and help people in situations," said Fuson.

Since starting the job Starling said he has gained more appreciation for all emergency services.

"Doing this gave me great appreciation for what every one in the emergency services does. The dedication and time that everyone puts in, because we're not full timers we don't deal with this day in and day out, like the RCMP for example," he said.

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Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services hosted its open house at Station No. 3 in Drayton Valley last week. Children and families took part in a number of games and activities set up at the station and got a chance to meet local firefighters and inspect the fire equipment, as well as fill up on hot dogs and beef on a bun. The event was part of the Fire Prevention Month at the fire department.



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NEWS

Courtney Whalen

FIRE SERVICES RESPONDS

A local restaurant contacted the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services on Oct. 12 shortly after 9 a.m. The fire services were called after employees entered the restaurant in the morning and noticed a strong smell of gas. The fire services attended and determined the cause of the smell was a stove that had been left on, which created a build-up of gas in the restaurant. Firefighters ventilated the building to disperse the gas, making it safe for occupants.

The gas leak was one of nine calls for service the fire services responded to between Oct. 8-Oct. 15.

On Oct. 11 around 11:30 a.m. firefighters were called to respond to an outside fire involving a pest house. The call was at the same location the fire services had attended the week previous for the same complaint. Fire Chief Tom Thomson said firefighters put in several hours working to get the fire in the pest house controlled.

Around midnight on Oct. 12 fire

services were among the emergency services that responded to a single vehicle collision in the area of Hwy. 22 and Township Road 502 where a vehicle had flipped over.

The location of a fire the department responded to on Oct. 13 kept it from being more severe. Fire services were called to a commercial location around 10:30 a.m. that day for reports of a structure fire. Firefighters discovered a fire had been burning in a mechanical room. The heat from the fire melted a window line, and water from the line extinguished the fire.

The remainder of the calls were alarms that turned out to be false, including four residential alarms. Among the residential alarms included an instance where residents had been cooking and did not know how to shut the alarm off when it started sounding. The fire services continue to run into problems with residents not knowing how to operate their alarm systems, resulting in firefighters being dispatched to false alarms.

Firefighters in the Breton area also responded to an alarm call at Breton High School. The alarm was false and the result of ongoing issues the school

Fire Services briefs

is having with its alarm system.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE

Making sure your home has working smoke detectors is a vital piece of home safety, but residents also need to make sure they are safeguarding themselves against carbon monoxide in the home.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless and colorless gas that can pose a serious health risk and even be fatal if not detected. That's why Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services Fire Chief Tom Thomson said it's essential for residents to have carbon monoxide detectors installed in their homes in addition to smoke detectors.

Common causes of carbon monoxide in the home centre around appliances that involve burning, such as hot water heaters, furnaces, gas ranges, or fireplaces. Carbon monoxide also builds up by running vehicles in enclosed spaces like a garage. The same build-up can occur by starting or running tools such as fuel-powered generators, lawnmowers or gas-powered tools like chain saws in enclosed spaces.

Since, unlike other gases, carbon monoxide can't be detected by smell, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed to alert residents if there's a build-up of CO.

Last week Thomson said carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in every home, on every level and, if possible, outside every sleeping area. Like with smoke detectors, it's a good idea to look at a system that runs on a battery, meaning if an alarm goes off in one area, it sounds in them all.

The requirements for installation of CO detectors can vary depending on make and model so, once you purchase the pieces of safety equipment follow the manufacturer's instructions on where to place the devices.

Once everything is properly installed everyone in the house should take the time to learn the different sounds of the alarm. Thomson said the alarm itself will let off a louder, more distinct sound than the warning that goes off when the battery in the detector needs to be changed. Like smoke detectors, a home's CO detectors should be tested at least once a month to make sure the batteries are still good and the detector is functioning properly.

Thomson has several tips residents can follow to lessen the risk of carbon monoxide building up in their home:

- Never run your vehicle while it is inside of an enclosed garage
- Never operate other motorized tools or vehicles, such as off highway vehicles or gas-powered chainsaws inside enclosed spaces either
- Make sure vents for items like dryers, furnaces or fireplaces are replaced when needed. Also make sure appliances that vent to the outside aren't blocked by things such as leaves, snow or other debris.
- When using fireplaces be sure to open the damper before lighting it.
- Do not use charcoal grills or barbecues indoors.
- Never use a gas-powered generator in the house
- Do not use your stove to heat your home

If your carbon monoxide detector does start to sound open doors and windows in the home, make sure everyone gets outside and then call the fire department.

Thomson said if anyone has any questions they can contact the fire department.

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Collect coats for kids

Company and local service group look to team up to collect coats to keep local children warm

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Held on to those gently used winter jackets that may not fit anymore, because they may be able to keep a local child warm this winter.

A coat drive is coming to Drayton Valley that will aim to see that students in the Wild Rose School Division schools in Drayton Valley have proper winter gear.

Penn West is working with local 4-H groups this fall to start a coat drive to benefit local youth who might not have access to adequate winter wear.

"The project is about understanding the day in day struggles many students experience due to financial situations through no fault of their own and the impact this has on their education and their youth life," states a document outlining the project.

The Winter Coat Drive is coming together thanks to Penn West, 4-H clubs in the area and Wild Rose School Division who have partnered together.

Angie Fricke, public affairs co-ordinator for Penn West, said because more than 100 Penn West employees live in the community, they are able to provide feedback to the company on what needs they see and what initiatives they'd like to be involved in.

The project will work to supply winter coats to seven schools in Drayton Valley namely Aurora Elementary School, Drayton Christian School, Eldorado Elementary School,

Evergreen Elementary School, Frank Maddock High School, H.W. Pickup and Drayton Valley Community Outreach.

The three parties had a meeting last week where the idea was explained to local 4-H clubs.

"We have one club that is committed and there are six 4-H clubs in the area. The rest took the idea back to their clubs," explained Fricke.

Big West Cruisers has already committed to the project, said Carmen Stone, manager of corporate partnerships with the 4-H Foundation of Alberta.

"And potentially the rest of 4-H Drayton Valley district clubs will also be participating," she added.

"They (Penn West) have been a great supporter of 4-H and we're always looking for ways to engage with each other," said Stone.

With this campaign, 4-H will not only be able to work with Penn West but also create an awareness in the community, she said.

Fricke added that the winter coat drive will not only provide winter coats to students of the Wild Rose School Division students who go to school in Drayton Valley but will also create awareness in the community.

"Penn West employees and 4-H youth work together advertising the initiative, collecting the coats, and presentation," stated the presentation document.

"This project started with a leadership message - that every child has a Purpose, Hope and Dignity," it added.

The drive is still in the beginning stages but the hope is for it to come together in November. Fricke said members of the community can watch for more information in local media and watch for hints in school where gently used, clean winter gear in good repair will be collected.

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CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESS

Mistakes can help your business

Don't be afraid to try and fail and try again

News Canada

Every entrepreneur feels it at some point — the fear of failure. Only half of new businesses make it to their fifth birthday, and that can cause entrepreneurs a lot of stress. However, experts say failure can actually lead to major accomplishments.

In fact, failure has been a key ingredient in some of the business world's great success stories, says Michel Bergeron, Senior Vice President at Marketing and Public Affairs at the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC).

"Canadian entrepreneurs and the public at large need to be more forgiving about failure. Failure — and learning from mistakes — is often

a important milestone on the path to success," Bergeron says. "We have to change our perception about failure in order to help business owners stay in the game."

Deborah Conroy of EY agrees. She points to the new BDC Entrepreneurial Resilience Award, an initiative that recognizes a Canadian business that has successfully undergone a turnaround or pivotal event in the past and come back stronger because of it.

"Many entrepreneurs talk about some kind of massive failure or hurdle they've overcome," says Conroy, vice president of transaction advisory services at EY. She is also President of the Montreal chapter of the Turnaround Management Association, a group for corporate turnaround experts that teamed up with BDC for this award.

No business is too big or too small to confront roadblocks.

Bergeron cites the example of Groupm, the giant deals website. The company got its start as a social media site called The Point, which was created to help people connect for social activism purposes. After a year of effort and US\$1 million in operating costs, the start-up was going nowhere.

"The founders shifted gears and turned their offering into the discount coupon service Groupm. They learned, adapted and made a fortune," Bergeron says.

Two years later, the shift in focus proved profitable: Groupm ballooned from a few dozen employees to 10,000 and was the fastest company in history to make US\$1 billion in revenue.

Bergeron advises entrepreneurs to adopt a "try, try again" philosophy. At its core, learning from mistakes and showing resilience, a new business approach that is growing in popularity in today's rapidly

changing economy, he says. Instead of the old model, which emphasized extensive planning before launching a new venture — by which time technology and markets may change substantially — the new approach favours a lean and nimble start-up.

The idea is to engage customers early with a basic product, even if you haven't worked out all the bugs. The second step? Learn quickly from customer feedback and mistakes. Third? Constantly refine your efforts. And the final secret ingredient — don't give up.

"I don't think fear is all bad. It can be healthy and reasonable. It keeps entrepreneurs from making rash decisions," Conroy says. "But it's important to avoid excessive hesitation and waiting for the exact perfect moment. Trying, failing and trying again is much better than not trying at all."

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Keep money local

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Technology has completely transformed our shopping habits. It is now possible to buy everything we need with the simple click of a mouse. The value of online purchases by Canadians reached \$18.9 billion in 2013, an increase of 21 per cent compared with 2010, according to Statistics Canada. However, our choices as consumers have a major impact on our daily lives.

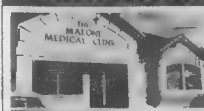
"It's important to remind consumers that buying locally contributes to the vitality of our neighbourhoods, the prosperity of their merchants and the sustainability of communities," explained Francis Ramsay, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs for Yellow Pages, a Canadian digital marketing and media solutions company that provides marketing solutions to small businesses.

Consumer dollars can have a big impact locally, and have positive side benefits. Small businesses create jobs, reinvest in the community and help keep decision-making power local. All of this contributes to the vitality of healthy and prosperous neighbourhoods.

Various communities and business associations have undertaken public awareness campaigns to underscore the importance of buying local. Many are limited to specific regions, but some movements are gaining ground, like 50% The Neighbourhood, which will be held nation-wide this year and encourages people to make at least one purchase at a small business on Nov. 29, 2014. To find out how to participate in a business or citizen and support your neighbourhood merchants, visit www.50percentneighbourhood.ca.

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WINTER'S PHARMACY - MORE THAN JUST PRESCRIPTIONS



Jennifer Winter has been in Drayton Valley for 16 years and has owned her pharmacy at the Malone Clinic for 14 years. She just opened her second location next to the Clario Clinic in April of 2013.

The pharmacy industry has faced some major obstacles over the last year due to some governmental policy changes over the last two years. Winter's

Pharmacy has seen some uncertainty with these changes, but Jennifer and her staff have also used these changes to move forward and change the type of pharmacy they practice.

The Alberta government would like to see pharmacists more actively involved in patient care, and so Jennifer and her staff pharmacist, Loni, both stepped forward to get their Additional Prescribing Authority. This means that they can assess patients and, in some circumstances, prescribe medications or make dosage adjustments to current therapies.



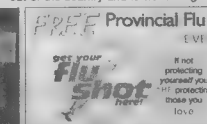
They perform free annual medication reviews for their patients to ensure that all of the medication that they are taking is necessary and not causing side-effects. They also can give injections, so they are busy this time of year administering annual flu shots. They have also been prescribing and administering Zostavax to patients to help protect against shingles.

The other area that Winter's Pharmacy is specializing in is Travel Health Assessments. If a patient is travelling out of the country and is wondering if

they need any immunizations or anti-malarial medication, Jen or Loni can sit down with them and do an assessment, prescribe the necessary medications and vaccines, and administer the vaccines.

Jennifer believes that by offering more clinical services to her clients, she can improve patient health outcomes.

She enjoys being a pharmacist, and she is most satisfied in her work when she can have a positive impact in her patients' health care.



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Consider the benefits of providing benefits

Look at ways to attract talent that will set you apart

News Canada

When seeking to attract and retain a few, it's often a small business that has the advantage. Small businesses are often able to offer a more personalized and attractive benefit package than larger corporations.

EMPLOYEE PROTECTION
LIABILITY INSURANCE

You may not have a bottomless budget for hiring talent yet, as any leader knows, the people you surround yourself with will ultimately determine your success or failure. You may have a stellar idea, an exciting business, and a strong culture

but there are still other ways to attract the best employees. For one, good benefits can set you apart from your competitors in the job market," says Grant Ostr, president and chief operating officer of Western Financial Group Inc. In a recent study that our firm conducted, we found that more than 60 per cent of Canadians say that benefits are vital when looking for a new position, ranking only behind salary.

So, this should be considered an investment in the future, not just another present-day expense.

SAVINGS ARE IN THE DETAILS

As outlined above, having an employee insurance package can protect your business. Furthermore, once you have one in place there are many ways to reduce costs.

"Eighty per cent of employee claims come from prescription drug," explains Ostr. "As an employer, you can limit these by

allowing for use of generic prescriptions and using a dispenser that has lower fees."

CONVENIENCE IS KING

Like any organization, a small business's success requires efficiency. One of the easiest methods for achieving this is migrating all possible operations online. Today, you can do everything from accounting filing, and invoicing to billing, planning, and expenses using software, cloud or mobile computing.

"Embrace every opportunity you can to streamline your processes. Take a look around your office everywhere you see a stack of papers. It's probably a chance for a positive change," observes Ostr. "Over 50 per cent of our client's claims are processed electronically through pay direct cards and online."

Running a small business presents a unique set of challenges, although the above should help you along the way. Additional information about employee benefits packages is available online at westernfinancialgroup.ca



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Tips to manage cash flow

Follow these tips to avoid a cash crisis

News Canada

Cash is king — it's a common saying in the business world. But surprisingly few entrepreneurs take steps to manage their cash flow so they don't wind up with an empty bank account and nothing to pay the bills.

"One of the main causes of business failure is poor cash flow management," says Susan Rohac, senior vice president, financing and consulting, at the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC). "The good news, cash flow management is easy to improve with a few simple steps."

"Getting control over your cash flow helps you prepare for slow periods, plan your financing and have peace of mind," Rohac says.

Follow these five steps to get a better handle on your cash flow.

Profitability check — First, make sure your business is earning a reasonable profit. Even the greatest cash flow management won't help if your fundamentals are out of whack.

Analyze each product and service separately to see whether it's pulling its weight. Make sure your products are appropriately priced, and work to eliminate inefficiencies. Instead of just chasing sales, chase profitable sales.

In 2007, Mike Whittaker's company, Bonté Foods learned the consequences of poor cash flow the hard way after facing large cost overruns on two major projects.

The company had to act quickly to restore its cash position. It analyzed its profitability and realized it had to raise prices to better collect costs. Bonté also unloaded lower-margin product lines and launched an efficiency drive while tightening cash flow management.

"The changes had a huge impact. Sales in Bonté's meat division are up 36 per cent since 2009, while gross profit is up almost 6 per cent."

"We learned to watch our cash very carefully," Whittaker says. "You need to always be ahead of the curve on cash flow management."

Do a cash flow projection — Next, prepare a cash flow projection for the coming year. This is your early warning system for cash flow hiccups. Use an Excel spreadsheet or accounting software to plug in expected monthly cash inflows and outflows, including anticipated big-ticket purchases.

Use the projection to anticipate slow periods and plan in advance what to do about them.

"Through the year, check your actual cash position regularly — once a week or month — against your projection to see how you're doing and deal promptly

with any divergences," advises Rohac.

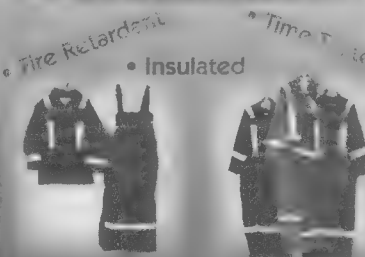
Finance big buys instead of draining cash — One of the most common cash flow mistakes is using cash to buy a major long-term asset, instead of getting financing. Even if you feel flush right now, you may suddenly wind up short of cash if you experience a sudden revenue shortfall or rapid growth.

Use your cash flow projection to plan your financing needs ahead of time, not in the midst of a crisis, when bankers may be wary to lend. Rohac also recommends matching the lifespan of a purchase with financing of similar duration.

Speed up cash inflows — Getting money into your business more quickly can save you carrying costs on your line of credit. Some tips: send out invoices more quickly, ask customers to pay electronically and charge interest to slow-payers.

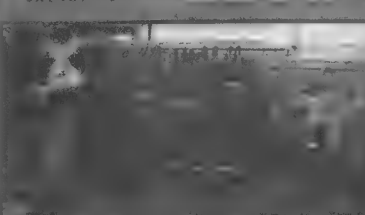
Raise cash quickly in a crunch — Facing an unexpected cash flow crunch? You can raise cash quickly using various techniques: approach your bank for help; check your inventory and assets to see what you can sell off, even at a discount; ask suppliers or your landlord for extra time to pay bills; or offer your customers a big discount to earn some quick sales.

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How non-financial benefits can be a game-changer

► Building a successful business is about more than money

News Canada

At Prima Studio, a fast-growing videogame maker, the challenge of attracting and keeping talented staff has five-year-olds when a pair of deep-pocketed multinational companies opened offices nearby. "We couldn't compete on salary, so we decided to create an attractive workplace — one that was fun and inspiring," says Nathalie McLaughlin, Prima's human resources director.

To attract staff, Prima emulates the "Dragons Den" TV show and motivates its employees to pitch innovative projects to a panel of judges.

"If we judge a project to

be solid enough and to have sufficient marketing potential, we will release its creators from a few of their usual tasks so that they can devote one day a week to the development of their amazing idea. A few months later, we review the state of the project and decide if it's worth pursuing, in which case we greenlight its production and marketing. This program is already starting to yield impressive results," explains McLaughlin.

The array of benefits designed to make Prima's employees lives easier includes flexible work hours, as well as a week of paid vacation time between the 25th of December and the New Year. The company offers an employee gaming area and an on-site gym. Twice a month, two massage therapists and a hair stylist also drop by.

Prima isn't alone in turning to creative ways to provide employees with non-mone-

etary rewards.

"Companies in all industries — not just high-tech — increasingly see non-financial compensation as vital to their growth," says Nathalie Gélinas, senior vice president, consulting, at the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC).

In today's challenging economy, it's harder than ever for many entrepreneurs to find the resources to draw in and retain skilled employees, she adds. At the same time, boomers are quitting the labour market, leading to labour shortages in many fields. This means businesses are increasingly competing for good workers, but they have less money to do it with.

The good news — non-financial benefits can be inexpensive and can even boost a company's productivity, Gélinas says.

"The cost is a lot smaller than what the employer gets

back. Losing an employee is very costly. Human capital is the most important resource a business has," she says. "The ultimate challenge is to mobilize employees. Salary alone will never mobilize or retain talent over the long term. Businesses should be creative about finding ways to attract and engage talent."

At Prima, the employee-friendly workplace became a beacon for smart, enthusiastic workers who helped propel the company's explosive growth.

"The key to our success is our work culture," McLaughlin says. "We listen to employees a lot. People always talk about the customer experience. We have developed the employee experience. It means people don't want to leave."

Prima also has a performance reward system that awards points that employees can exchange for services, thus reinforcing the compa-

ny's commitment to helping employees maintain work-life balance. Perks include tax preparation, lawn mowing, babysitting, movie/dinner combos and more.

"Our office is completely different from anything else in the area. It's really made a difference in attracting people," McLaughlin says.

Prima's success shows that while pay is important, it isn't what makes employees happy at work, Gélinas says. Employees want flexibility, trust and the chance to develop as part of a team, she adds.

"We spend a lot of time listening to customers to serve them better. We also need to listen to employees."

HOW TO COMPENSATE WITHOUT CASH

Entrepreneurs should listen to employees to learn what benefits they value and

work on non-financial compensation constantly until it becomes part of the company's way of life, BDC's Nathalie Gélinas says. Here are three types of non-financial compensation to consider.

Flexibility — A flexible workplace is increasingly in demand. You can offer flexibility in terms of time (variable work hours) and space (opportunities to work outside the office).

Trust — Employees like to have responsibility, work in a harmonious environment and be trusted to make decisions. At the same time, you should hold employees accountable via solid performance appraisals.

Self-development — Entrepreneurs should think about how to help employees develop themselves. The result will be more a productive and motivated workforce.

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CELEBRATING SMALL BUSINESS

Protect your small business from cyber risk

► Don't let your business fall victim to cyber criminals

News Canada

Cyber criminals are always searching for new targets, and now, in addition to large corporations, they are setting their sights on small businesses. Did you know that since 2012, there has been a 300 per cent increase in cyber attacks on small businesses?

The smaller the business, the smaller the staff, which often results in employees performing tasks beyond their technical ability. Today's computers and network systems are high-tech, complex, and require technical knowledge that most casual users do not possess.

What should small businesses do? There are a number of ways to secure your small business:

Train all staff — People are always your best defence against attacks and keeping your staff informed about good cyber security practices will go a long way in securing your corporate information.

Social engineering attacks, such as phishing, are some of the most effective ways hackers can penetrate your security. Make sure your employees are aware of common threats so they can help keep your computer systems safe.

Establish basic security practices and policies — Establishing properly documented security practices and policies will help make sure everyone understands what they need to do to protect your business from cyber attacks.

Refer back to your policies and keep them updated. Maintain clean machines. Having the latest security

software, web browser, and operating systems makes patching the known security holes much easier and leads to a more secure network. Providing firewall security for your Internet connection is also essential to keeping out malicious users.

Make backup copies of important business data — Backing it up not only helps to protect your information in the case of a cyber attack, but it can also help mitigate a data-ware failure. Ideally, a backup should be stored in a secure location off-site.

Secure your Wi-Fi networks. Make sure they are secure, encrypted, and hidden from public view. Choosing strong passwords and changing them on a consistent basis is a must.

Additional information about securing your business is available online at GetCyberSafe.ca.

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H.W. PICKUP

Both boys and girls volleyball teams have been doing very well in their league games so far. The boys' teams will be playing at Buck Mountain on Oct. 21 and both senior and junior girls will be playing at home (HWP) on Oct. 22. Senior girls will be participating in the May enthrone tournament Oct. 31, Nov. 1.

There is no school Friday, Oct. 24 for students. Bloomday begins Nov. 4. Please listen for announcements or see Mrs. Fedoruk for more information.

TOMAHAWK

On Oct. 14 students enjoyed their opportunity to spend some time with local author, Joan Marie Galat. Thank you to our library for sponsoring this event.

Book club will meet again on Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. The next book will be reading *In Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult. New members are always welcome to join in.

Picture retakes with Life touch will take place the morning of Oct. 28. Please inform Mrs. Gruber if your child needs his/her picture taken.

It's time to celebrate our students' learning! On Thursday, Oct. 23 parents and students are invited to attend student-led conferences where parents can observe first-hand what their children have been learning. Appointments will be available between 4-9 p.m. Please call Barb to make an appointment by calling 780-241-1915.

Students will be bringing home their first report card of the school year on Dec. 5. Scholastic Book Fair will run Oct. 20-24 this year. The book fair will also be open during student-led conferences on Oct. 23. Further details will be provided. Make sure and stop by and check out all the new books! Our library will receive a percent of all books if we reach required sales from the book fair. Please come and support our book fair!

Several Tomahawk School students will have the opportunity to attend WE Day. This year WE Day will be held at the Scotiabank Saddledome in Calgary on Nov. 3. We earned a total of 10 tickets to WE Day and will join 16,000 youth at this event. You can't buy tickets to WE Day, you can only earn it through service.

ice. Throughout the year long WE Act program, students support one local and one global action and then report back to Free The Children to earn tickets to attend WE Day the following year. Further information can be found in the Talk of Tomahawk newsletter or on our school website.

Grade 8 students have the opportunity to go to work with their parents during the national Take Our Kids to Work program on Nov. 5.

It is almost time to start thinking about Christmas shopping and the extravaganza is a great place to start or finish. Please join us Thursday, Nov. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Supper and refreshments will be served in order to make this event a success we need volunteers for set up, clean up and/or to work a shift serving supper in the kitchen. Please contact Chris Eckert at 780-727-3669 to book a table or to volunteer with set up and clean up. Please contact Ashley Kendall at 780-898-5240 if you can work a shift or two in the concession.

AURORA

Thank you to Corey Williams of Newalta for the donation of a reflector for each student to use for trick or treating on Halloween.

Grade 2 students would like to also thank Mr. Williams for taking the time out of his busy schedule to reach out and make a difference in the oil patch. Students learned how waste oil, dirt and water are separated to make less of an impact on our environment. We also would like to thank Newalta for their generous sponsorship of our trip on Oct. 17 to the Leduc #1 Discovery Centre near Devon.

The Aurora Food Bank drive is into its fourth week now. Please keep your items coming into the school up until Halloween. Once again the Operation Christmas Child boxes are in the office. You are invited to come in and get one, or many, to fill up for a needy child overseas this Christmas.

There is no school this Friday (Oct. 24). It is a staff professional development day. Swimming this week and next will be classes ISC and 4G. Remember to pack your swimsuit and towel.

ST. ANTHONY

The Grade 4 students would like to thank their families

who came to their bible celebration on Oct. 15. They also would like to thank Father Gary for presenting them with their bibles.

News from the Shark Tank. Running Club will have their first quicky moving on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

School Council news and notes: The next School Council meeting is Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m., babysitting will be provided. Our focus will be on setting up the committee to plan the Winter Wonder land Fair, so please join us if you can lend a hand.

St. Anthony School Savings Cards are once again going to be available at the office! On the back of each card you will find exclusively negotiated discounts within Drayton Valley and online. Each card sells for \$20. With discounts potentially valued at well more than the \$20 donation, simply using the card one or two times will save each cardholder a great deal of money over the year.

Important reminders:

Our school doors will open at 8:20 a.m., registration and prayer will begin at 8:35 a.m., and dismissal will be at 3:09 p.m.

Classroom interruptions break the flow of the lesson being taught and is difficult for students to refocus. We need your help ensuring your child is getting the most out of his busy schedule to reach out and make a difference in the oil patch. Students learned how waste oil, dirt and water are separated to make less of an impact on our environment. We also would like to thank Newalta for their generous sponsorship of our trip on Oct. 17 to the Leduc #1 Discovery Centre near Devon.

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The Grade 4 students would like to thank their families

backpacks.

Microwaves will be available for those students in grades six to eight. We would like to take this time to remind parents/guardians that there will be no microwaves in the classrooms for students in Kindergarten - Grade 5.

St. Anthony School does have a dress code for all our students (including Preschool). Students are not to dress in a manner that is revealing. Shoulder straps need to be at least three fingers wide, shorts and skirts are to be mid-thigh or longer and stomachs and undergarments are to be covered. Students dressed inappropriately will be asked to change if they do not have a change of clothing, they will be contacting you to bring them appropriate clothing.

Also, please ensure that you use the crosswalk when you drop off your children. We want our students to be safe at all times.

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leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

Important dates to remember in October: 20 - Gr. 5 swimming 11 a.m.-noon, Parent Council Meeting at 7 p.m., please join us, babysitting provided.

21 - Gr. 5 swimming 11 a.m.-noon, 22 - Gr. 1 smoke detector program, Gr. 5 swimming 11 a.m.-noon, Gr. 6 swimming 2:25-4:55 p.m.

21 - Learning Day, no school. 27 - Gr. 6 swimming 2:25-4:55 p.m. 28 - Gr. 6 swimming 2:25-4:55 p.m.

Entwistle School news

Les Worthington
Special to the Western Review

It was an amazing start to the year and I am pleased to announce that we have more than 130 students attending Entwistle School this year! We were pleased to see so many familiar faces, and some new ones too, at our open house/meet the staff night on Sept. 18.

Other highlights from the month of September include: • Students participated in a volleyball clinic that was hosted by the NAIT Ooks Women's Volleyball team. A big thanks to their coach (and former student) Ben Heinrichs for arranging the visits to Entwistle and Grand Trunk. Best of luck this season!

• We hosted our annual cross country run on Sept. 18 and were pleased to see more than 20 Entwistle students participating! • On Sept. 28 students, staff and parents participated in our annual Terry Fox Run. Great job everyone! A special thanks to all of the volunteers.

October is also full of many great opportunities including: • On Oct. 3 the junior high students attended

the Alberta Career Fair in Edmonton.

• On Oct. 6 students in grades one through six participated in a Farm Safety presentation. • Students from the our Health Champions team visited Parkland School Division Centre for Education in Stony Plain to participate in the Healthy Active School Symposium (HASS) conference on Oct. 7.

• Our book fair runs from Oct. 21-23. • Celebrations of Learning will take place Oct. 22 and 23. • On Oct. 30 we will be having a school dance for all students from Kindergarten through Grade 6 from 11 a.m.-noon. Also, we will be hosting the WEST and dance for the junior high students from Tomahawk, Seba Beach and Wabamun from 12:30-3 p.m.

Last month I introduced you to many of the staff members at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a few more people you will see at Entwistle School: Janet Buhler, Student Teacher, Grade 4; Miss Buhler is a student teacher from Concordia University College, Miss

Buhler moved to Alberta from Manitoba and her love of small towns drew her out of Edmonton. She hopes to gain lots of insight and experience during her stay here in Entwistle with the fourth grade students and Mrs. Carson.

Mrs. Visser - Inclusive Education Lead: Mrs. Visser is thrilled to be joining the Entwistle staff this year. She is working with four different schools this year to support students, teachers and their families. She is looking forward to getting to know the Entwistle community and is very excited to work with such an enthusiastic teaching staff. Mrs. Visser has three boys of her own who attend Murr Lake School. She enjoys running, trading and camping.

If you should ever have any questions, comments, celebrations or concerns please feel free to e-mail jwashington@psd70.ab.ca or call me at 780-727-3811 at any time I look forward to a great year as we continue to provide every child with many opportunities. Let's have another great year!

— Les Worthington is the principal at Entwistle School.

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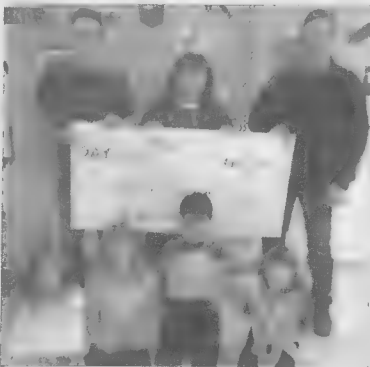
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Once again this year, local residents will be hosting the annual Walk For Wishes walk in hopes of raising funds for the Children's Wish Foundation and the families it supports.

Organizers of the event are looking forward to the fourth annual walk in Drayton Valley that will take place Oct. 25. Throughout all four years the community has raised more than \$30,000 with the walk alone. Registration will be on the day of the event and will start at 10 a.m. The walk will follow at 11 a.m.

After the walk, everyone is encouraged to stick around for lunch, which will include ham burgers and hot dogs along with salads. Starting at 11:30 a.m. in the gym at Evergreen Elementary School there will be many family activities for all ages, such as face painting, glitter tattoos, crafts, a Halloween-themed photo booth, and many more. Don't forget to stick around for when they draw the raffle prizes for both an adult and child raffle.

The Children's Wish Foundation raises money to help children between the age of 3-17 who are facing a life-threatening illness. All money raised provides a child with a wish of a lifetime. During all the years the community has been in Drayton Valley they have granted six wishes in the Drayton Valley area.

"We try to keep all the wishes in the local area," said Britney Gaudet, a local community member involved in the Walk for Wishes. "It's always nice to be able to raise money for a wonderful cause, but seeing the hard work of this event paying off within our community in such a positive way is absolutely outstanding."

For more information on taking part in the walk contact Judy Baranuk at 780 898 7046.

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Importance of checking off that fall gardening to do list

► Preparing gardens for winter impacts spring time blossom

I have a love/hate relationship with to-do lists. They hang over me like a monster ready to pounce when they are not met and when they are, there is generally no praise in it. On the other hand if they did not exist I would not doubt quality for the type I personally... no need to hurry after all. Without deadlines, who cares when the job gets done?

As gardeners we deal with deadlines all of the time. Come spring you had better get out and cut down the ornamental grass or the new growth will just shoot up from under the old growth. The lawn needs cutting when it gets long and if you don't do it when it needs doing you will have not a lawn but a meadow. The fruit ripens and needs picking or the birds will do it for you. You get the idea.

The deadline that we have before us today is winter. We can go south to escape the cold and wind, but our gar-

den does not have that option. It is with this in mind that I offer you my comprehensive to-do list for gardeners. It is designed to be clipped and hung on the refrigerator, or wherever. Put it somewhere that it will remind you regularly what you need to consider in order to enjoy a great looking garden come spring.

If you would really rather just sit indoors and watch football, look at it this way: your investment in a great looking garden is a partnership between you and nature. Without your co-operation she is in charge. To get the results that you are looking for you need to do your part.

LAWNS

- Fertilize your lawn. This is the most important application of the year. The nutrition that your lawn receives this time of year will not produce a great looking lawn this fall, but it will strengthen the grass roots and prepare the plants for a fast green up come spring. The results are less snow mould and a stronger, green lawn after the spring melt. Look for a winterizing product, like Goldgreen Fall Lawn Fertilizer, for best results.
- Cut your lawn (soon for the last time!) Cut it down to about 2 1/4 inches or 6



Mark Cullen

on high

- Lubricate your lawn mower. Sharpen the blades, clean the cutting deck and spray with oil.
- Rake leaves off your lawn. Put them on your perennial beds and veggie garden where they will break down and help to build the organic matter in your soil.

VEGGIES

- Dig your carrots, beets, left over potatoes etc. and store in bushel baskets 1/2 full of pure, dry sand. Put in your basement or fruit cellar.
- Pull up your remaining tomato plants. Hang them in the cellar or the garage while the green fruit ripens. They do not need light to do this.
- Harvest leaf lettuce, mesclun and the like.

- Remove the spent bean and tomato plants, etc. and put in your compost.
- COMPOST AND LEAVES
- Put spent annual plants in your compost or compost pile in layers with fallen leaves (shredded with your lawn mower). Alternate one part green stuff with three parts leaves.
- Remove the finished compost from your compost unit or pile and spread it over your perennial bed or veggie garden. No need to dig it in as the worms will pull it down next spring.
- Seal leaves from your neighbours who have not yet seen this column and have put their leaves out for recycling pack up neatly pressed into paper bags for you to take home and compost. Free fertilizer!

- Begin thinking about winterizing your roses that are not of the 'shrub' type. Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas etc. will need about 50 cm (1 1/2 feet) of fresh triple mix piled up from the bottom. The best time to do this is just before the Grey Cup game - the game is your reward for doing the job!
- Wrap spiral plastic collars on young fruit trees to protect them from rodent damage (anytime).

- Spray broad-leaved evergreens with Wilt-Pruf (an anti-desiccant) to prevent the drying effects of winter wind. (When killing frosts are here and just before the snow flies.)
- Wipe down all of your digging and cutting tools with an oily cloth when you are finished with them for the season.

PLANT COLOUR

On a more positive note remember that there are plants that will survive and even thrive in cold weather. Begonias, Mum, New England Aster, Sedum Spectabile and ornamental grasses all look great this time of year. Don't forget flowering cabbage and kale - they improve their looks with frost!

Pumpkins, ornamental grasses, corn stalks, hay bales and goose necked squash can all play a part in an entrance display at the front of your home. Be creative and have fun!

The air is clear and hopefully you will receive some sunshine for your fall work day!

— Mark Cullen appears on Canada AM every Wednesday morning at 8:40 a.m. He is spokesperson for Home Hardware Lawn and Garden. Sign up for his free monthly newsletter at www.markcullen.com.

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It is with profound sadness and sorrow that we announce the passing of Leith Litke aged 63 years, beloved wife of the late Brian Litke of Drayton Valley, Alberta. She leaves to cherish her memory son Murray (Danita) and their children Brian Shaelynn, Brooke and Wynne. Also surviving is her mother Barbara Dean and a brother Patrick Dean as well as numerous nephews and nieces, relatives and friends. Leith was predeceased by her husband Brian and her father Frederick Dean. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Drayton Valley Legion Branch #269 with Pastor Steven Brummet officiating. If friends so desire memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Alberta Cancer Foundation, Cross Cancer Institute, 11560 University Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T6G 1Z2.

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WEGER, Jordan Glen

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Type of Employment: Permanent - Full Time

Estimated Start Date: As soon as possible

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Type of Employment: Permanent - Full Time

Estimated Start Date: As soon as possible

Job Description:

- Serve food and beverages, general plate service
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- Experience: Experience is an asset

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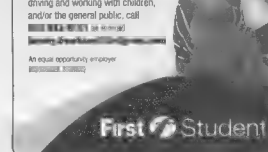
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see GILLESPIE on pg. 54

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Cozy up to the season

CHILLSPICE from pg. 53

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Be creative and try to look for unique new recipes such as a Mexican hot chocolate, complete with the dried chilies. Keep it simple and just pick one drink to focus on. Spend Sunday morning baking loaves of quick breads or chocolate chip pecan cookies and store in the freezer to enjoy with a hot drink. Always be ready to entertain and welcome friends and family with special treats.

In the living room, layer cozy throws and furry pillows on the sofa and favourite chairs. My personal favourite throws are the faux furs.

In the dining room, lay a linen runner on the table and add a sheepskin rug to each of the dining chairs; you'll love this look so much you'll have to remove them when spring arrives. I even throw a sheepskin rug over a bench that sits in a back hallway, bring in warm meals such as brass, gold, bronze and copper and mix them up with your cool stainless steel, nickel and chrome. It's OK to mix up the metals - in fact, you will be right on trend with this installation.

In the bedroom, change the sheets to cozy flannel and lay an extra soft and fluffy blanket at the end of the bed to help keep you warm. A stack of good books on the nightstand and you might not get up.

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\$419,000 NEW MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	\$197,900 NEW MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$425,000 NEW MLS E3307177 / FAMILY SIZE 40 AC. CORNER FULLY FINISHED BASEMENT HEATED GARAGE CALL DANNY 780-568-5007	\$84,900 NEW MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	\$205,000 NEW MLS E3307177 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$129,000 NEW MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	\$339,000 NEW MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$129,500 NEW MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912
\$380,000 NEW CLS E1022587 / RURAL 30 AC. FARMHOUSE BUSINESS IDEAL CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	\$650,000 NEW MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$485,000 NEW MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	\$775,000 NEW MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$149,500 NEW MLS E3307177 / FAMILY SIZE 40 AC. CORNER FULLY FINISHED BASEMENT HEATED GARAGE CALL DANNY 780-568-5007	\$150,000 NEW MLS E3307177 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$781,000 NEW MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	\$225,000 NEW MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812
FOR LEASE MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	LEASE 68,000 SQ. FT. MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	FOR LEASE MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	FOR LEASE MLS E3306089 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$229,000 FOR LEASE MLS E3307177 / FAMILY SIZE 40 AC. CORNER FULLY FINISHED BASEMENT HEATED GARAGE CALL DANNY 780-568-5007	\$65,000 FOR LEASE MLS E3307177 / 40204 HWY 10 150 ACRES FARM SET UP FOR HORSES, LARGE BARN, THREE HOUSES WITH HARDY MOUNTAIN HOMES & WOODS WITH OF HORSES CALL CHUCK 780-542-1812	\$65,000 FOR LEASE MLS E3306075 / 50215 RD 1 1001 DOUBLE ON 5 ACRES VERY NICE UP-GRADES CALL KATHERINE 780-421-8912	